

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	ERIC KENNEDY	CHAIRMAN
	STACEY REYES	SECRETARY
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	STEVEN KENDRICK	MEMBER
	ERNESTO CAVAZOS	MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	ALLISON RODRIGUEZ	ATTORNEY
	LETTY MARTINEZ	ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEASE SPECIALIST
	VIRGINIA LOMAS	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES

Eric Kennedy, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the February 11, 2026 Regular board meeting minutes and February 18, 2026, Special Session board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and vote carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S): None.

Item No. 3: BORDER AFFAIRS MONTHLY UPDATE: Humberto Garza, Border Affairs monthly update information is available on the website with username and password. Mr. Garza stated that there have been over 500 hits on the website, doubled from last month. Social media information is also available on the website.

Item No. 4: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERMITTED TO ACCESS WCNDACCOUNTS AT PNC BANK: the board discussed about requiring one or two signatures; preference for two signatures, potential positions (Chairman and Secretary) instead of individual names, due to the board may change. After discussion, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to authorize the Chairman and Secretary for signatures, with an amendment to include personal names (Eric Kennedy and Stacy Reyes) if required by the bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and vote carried.

Item No. 5: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Update on Sea Wall Project: is back underway with a shift of 11 and 3. Concrete pouring scheduled to start on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The West bulkhead scheduled for completion by the end of the month followed by the east bulkhead.

- Update on Texas Parks & Wildlife Project: waiting for Texas Parks and Wildlife to finalize the lease through their legal department. A provision in place stating the lease is non-assignable.

- Update on Receipt of Funds from Texas GLO: Funds previously awarded, totaling \$204,000, for GLO, Commissioner Trevino and Commissioner Cavazos presented. Starbase received approximately \$700.00. Funds were used in previous projects. The presentation was primarily a PR event for GLO.

- Sale of Lots | New Port Subdivision & Honey Hickman Park: There are contracts on three lots in the New Port Subdivision.

Item No. 6: DISCUSSION CONCERNING RHYNER CONSTRUCTION|FERRIS, FLINN & MEDINA RESPONSIBILITY ON THE EAST SEA WALL: a meeting was held with TxDot yesterday, there will be substantial savings on the West Sea Wall. There is not much to report as soon as we get numbers they will be presented to the board.

Item No. 7: REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION REGARDING BORDER AFFAIRS CONTRACT: After review and discussion regarding Border Affairs Contract, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to extend the contract with a reduced fee of no more than \$5,000.00 per month for 90 days and to revisit the contract in three months. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and motion carried, with Commissioner Kendrick voting in opposition.

Item No. 8: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRANSFER OF LEASES, BOAT STALL LEASE TRANSFERS AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASES: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized leases, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept and approve the leases as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and motion carried.

Item No. 9: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS AND ANY DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS ON MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: After review of checks and vouchers, Secretary Reyes made the motion to accept the issued checks and approve the transactions for payment of the Willacy County Navigation District and to accept the transactions February 12, 2026 through March 11, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and motion carried.

Item No. 10: CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC. 551.074, TEX.GOV'T CODE, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR:

*CLOSED SESSION at approximately 9:30 a.m.*

*RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION at approximately 10:14 a.m.*

Item No. 11: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR: Commissioner Trevino made the motion to authorize employment for Oscar Montoya, at an annual salary of \$125,000 per year, plus benefits, subject to a written contract to be brought to the next meeting for execution. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and motion carried, with Commissioner Kendrick voting in opposition, and vote carried.

Item No. 12: ADJOURN: at 10:15 a.m.